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# The Place to Be



# in '73 - Around Portage

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PORTARAMA  
Portage Junior High School  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Volume 12

3521 Taylor St.

# 1973 . . . A Year to Remember



Dr. Hugh Kariger

With many years of experience as a teacher and principal, Dr. Hugh Kariger is well qualified to make decisions necessary for administering a large school. Since Portage opened, Dr. Kariger has done a fine job of making this a school that students, faculty, and he can be proud of.

Portage . . . The place to be happy . . . or mad . . . or sad . . .  
 To learn . . . think . . . grow . . . to be together . . . or alone . . .  
 The place to win . . . or lose . . . to pass . . . or fail . . .  
 To be proud of yourself . . . or to hate yourself . . .  
 To have fun in gym . . . to suffer through math class . . .  
 To get renamed by the computer . . . or to get programmed the wrong way . . .  
 To blow your horn in music . . . or to sketch people in art . . .  
 To learn to be organized . . . or to become firmly entrenched as a pack rat . . .  
 To do a successful experiment . . . or to cause a fire . . .  
 To groan in the morning and scream with joy in the afternoon  
 To read a school newspaper . . . or a yearbook



Floyd Middleton

Floyd Middleton, assistant principal, acts as Dr. Kariger's righthand man. Working together as a team, they have made Portage one of the best junior high schools in the city. Mr. Middleton also has teaching experience, part of it in a Portage classroom.



Conferences play an important part in Portage routine. Mr. Middleton and Mrs. Murtaugh check with Mr. Schaffer on class activities.



Mrs. Scott finds the bookwork never ends

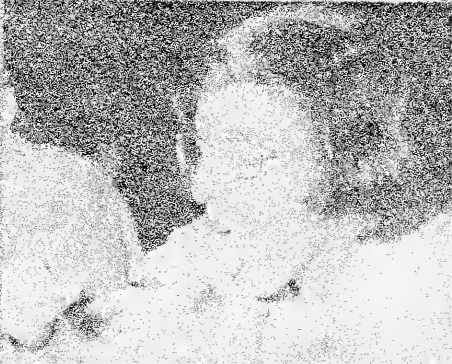


Portage has its share of trophies too

# A Place to Be With...

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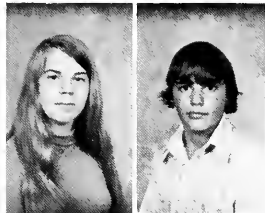
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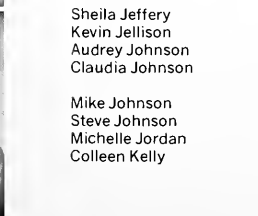
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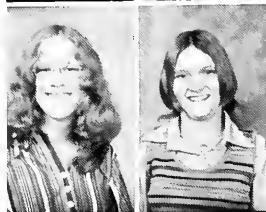
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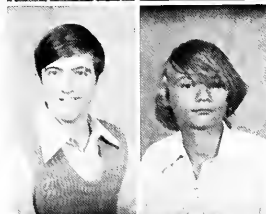
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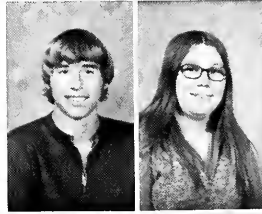
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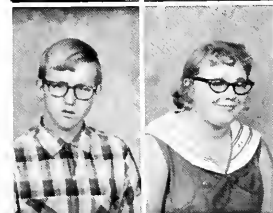
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Greg Parrish  
Tamara Parrish

Lenora Perez  
Cardell Perry



Jacques Perry  
Kathy Petgen  
Sheryl Phelps  
Pauline Powell  
Carol Quickery

Larry Raber  
Susan Railey  
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Carole Stanley  
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Bertha Stephens  
Gregory Stephens

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Sarah Stewart  
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Curtis Thompson  
David Toam  
Sandy Tompkins



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Verna Turflinger  
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Lonnie VanDyne  
Selma Vaughn

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Mike Ward  
Beth Wasson  
Anne Watters  
Robin Watters  
Rosemary Weber



Diana Whipp  
Clara Williams  
Johnnie Williams  
Levon Williams  
Ronnie Wilson  
Tammy Wilson

Jeff Wittblsager  
Candy Wood  
Sandy Wood  
Jay Woods  
John Wright  
Kim Yarman



Marilyn York  
Donald Yount  
Jerry Amsden  
Connie Barnett  
Cindy Burley  
Scott DeWolfe

Mary Johnson  
Donald Kelly  
Judy McPherson  
Shirley Perrine  
Ken Prince  
Pauline Sizemore





# Eighth Graders Won't Be Middlemen for Long

Monica Adams  
Kathy Allen  
Linda Alvarez  
Kelly Auer  
Lawrence Bade  
Bryon Baker



Richard Bates  
Karen Baumgartner  
Amos Belcher  
Janice Bell  
Mike Berry  
Delbert Bickel

Rex Bloemker  
Claudia Bolinger  
Carola Bonar  
Georgette Bonifas  
Dennis Booker  
Emma Bostic



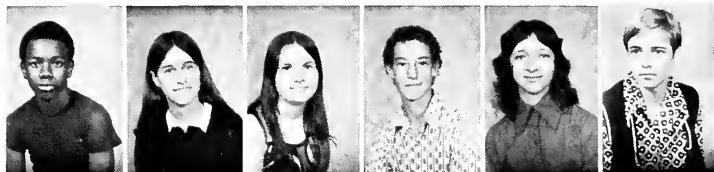
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Michael Brewer  
Idabelle Brooks  
Ann Brown  
Charles Brown

Dorothy Brown  
Gregory Brown  
Mark Brown  
Pamela Buckmaster  
Bill Bunch  
Cathy Bunker



Cindy Burnett  
Dana Burnett  
Dawn Byers  
John Cady  
Bill Campbell  
Nancy Campbell

Darrell Carter  
Cathy Chase  
Rosemary Chavez  
Elizabeth Clark  
Jerome Cobb  
Barry Cohen



Kenneth Coker  
Leslie Collier  
Martha Conrad  
Timmy Cour  
Melanie Cox  
John Crawford

Sheryl Crawford  
Ronald Crismore  
Tom Cross  
Donald Culpepper  
Ronald Culpepper  
Marvin Curry



Sherry Daniel  
Deborah Deaton  
Carl Deck  
Helen DeRose  
Pam Doherty  
Benny Douglas

James Dowdell  
Janet Dowling  
Michael Duguid  
Steve Duray  
Mark Dwight  
Dawn Ebnit



Herbert Ellis  
Mike Engle  
Renee English  
Delia Evans  
Ray Fahlsing  
Margo Filey

Linda Fincher  
Carol Fishman  
Evelyn Fowkes  
Tonya Frewer  
Mark Fritz  
Everett Frye





Bill Nichols  
Kathy O'Connor  
Cheryl Omo  
Ted Ornas  
Tom Osborne  
Ann Oswalt

Theresa Parrish  
Jim Patterson  
Tammy Peconge  
Doug Pelz  
Sharon Perrine  
Doug Peters



Brenda Petre  
Leonard Pitman  
Janice Powell  
Rebecca Purk  
Rick Ramer  
Dennis Raney

Sandy Ratliff  
Angela Rhodus  
Buff Rice  
Denise Richard  
David Robinson  
Tim Roop



John Rothgeb  
Mike Rush  
Brian Russell  
Michael Ryan  
Leisa Ryder  
Tammy Sadler

Pamela Schrader  
Rick Shaw  
Jeff Shifflett  
Rebecca Shifflett  
Howard Sims  
Steven Sims



Virginia Sites  
Robert Slater  
Tracie Smyers  
Emmett Sowles  
Tim Springer  
Tony Standiford

Robert Stanley  
Ernest Starks  
James Stengel  
Denise Stephans  
Julia Stephens  
Jacqueline Stewart



Pam Stewart  
Edward Strack  
Daniel Straub  
Chip Strawbridge  
Vivian Stroud  
Yvonne Swangin

Pamela Swick  
Kevin Swihart  
Deborah Szink  
Mary Temple  
Bambi Templeton  
Doug Thornton



Tina Todoran  
Robert Tolliver  
Lavone Townsend  
Matt Tyler  
Sheryl VanZile  
Gilberto Vasquez

Stephen Vaughn  
Vance Veale  
Cynthia Vest  
Robert Wagner  
Stella Walker  
John Walls



Sandy Ward  
Theldon Warner  
Willie Washington  
Ronald Weber  
Bill Weaver  
Danny Weeks

Alan Westerman  
Michael Whitlow  
Ron Whitson  
Robert Wilkerson  
Dawn Wilson  
Rosie Wilson





Shelli Winans  
Sandra Winebrenner  
Stephanie Wolever  
Timothy Wolfe  
Vickie Worman  
Patricia Wright

Ricky Wright  
Robin Wright  
Marc Yeiter  
Katy Young  
Tim Beck  
Shari Benson



Mike Brewer  
Dan Combs  
James Crawford  
Mike Creason  
Robert Curtis  
Tamara Gilbert

Spurgeon Green  
Jessie Holley  
Shannon Jones  
Karen Lenington  
Blake Nei  
Mark Nei



Cheryl Payne  
Randy Ramsey  
Deborah Renner  
Morgan Rodey  
Ruth Savage  
Doug Shroyer

Linda Suter  
Ken Thieme  
Rick Wilson



# Baby Rams Tackle First Year at Portage

Melody Adkisson  
Linda Anderson  
Debra Atkinson  
Brian Barber  
Johnny Barnett  
Juanita Berrera



Curtis Bates  
Marshall Beatty  
Anthony Bennett  
Donna Black  
Roger Blaine  
Robin Bleifeld



Debra Bloemker  
Robert Bollenbacher  
Linda Bonar  
Sue Bonar  
Helen Bornschein  
Doug Boyles

Bruce Braun  
Rae Brofford  
Charles Brown  
Gwendolyn Brown  
Kathy Brown  
Judy Buell



Toni Bunch  
Janet Burke  
Kim Burry  
Jesse Campos  
Angela Capps  
Mike Chandler



Loretta Clark  
Tom Clendenen  
Stephanie Click  
Melvin Cobb  
Selina Cobb  
Grace Cole

Pamela Collier  
Orville Combs  
Pamela Connett  
Andrew Conrad  
Derrick Cox  
Bill Craig



John Crothers  
Jane Cruse  
Clifford Darling  
Nancy Dennie  
Debra Dennis  
John Didier



Janeen Dierkes  
Barbara Dixon  
Delilah Duck  
Deanna Duguid  
Paul Edsall  
Sylvester Essex

Dorothy Felger  
Bernadine Finken  
Rex Fisher  
Michael Forkert  
Andrew Fowlkes  
Jim Frankewich



David Frebel  
Karen Free  
Rhoda Freeman  
Violet Gaham  
Armando Gracia  
Tim Gaskill



Anthony Gaulden  
Martin Gebhard  
Harold Gill  
Lohn Goble  
Pat Gooden  
Jeffrey Grate

Tim Green  
Jeannie Gropengieser  
Karl Gulker  
Stephen Haggenjos  
Robert Hamilton  
Ron Headen







Paula Heishman  
Scott Heller  
Mike Hicks  
Diana Hofmann  
Steve Holley  
Robert Hood

George Hoover  
Vernon Howard  
Warren Howard  
Bill Hutchens  
Shawn Huttzell  
Rebecca Johnson



Robert Johnson  
Joanne Jones  
Colby Keeney  
Gerald Kendall  
Ruth Kerns  
Kathy Kowalenko



Charles Kuhn  
Judy Kumfer  
Michael Ladd  
Anne Lahmeyer  
Joan Landrigan  
Michael Langston

Ronald Langston  
Cynthia Lemaster  
Brenda Leshore  
Thea Levine  
Alvin Lewis  
Carmille Lewis



Kerry Lewis  
Maureen Litch  
George Lowery  
Randy McCombs  
Margaret McDaniel  
Ann McDonald



Duane Mabee  
Chris Magers  
Anita Martin  
Barry Martin  
Linn Martin  
Roseann Martin



Sergio Martinez  
Patrick Masson  
Cheryl Medsker  
Sheri Meredith  
Charles Miller  
Lucille Mitchell



Michael Moran  
Kevin Morningstar  
Randy Morrison  
James Moyer  
Rosalind Mudd  
Betty Mundt



Carol Mundt  
Patricia Murphy  
Bill Murray  
Katherine Murray  
Linda Myers  
David Nelson

Sam Norton  
Michele Novell  
James Omo  
Gregory Owen  
Marti Paris  
Elizabeth Park



Randy Parker  
Debra Paul  
Paul Perez  
Cheryl Perry  
Kimberly Perry  
Marc Phelps



Jeffrey Phillips  
Don Pletcher  
Lorri Porter  
Linda Quickery  
Michelle Quinn  
Beth Raber

Kathleen Ramer  
Michael Rarick  
Melissa Ratliff  
Scott Raymer  
Gregory Rector  
John Reibs





Amy Ress  
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Daniel Rice  
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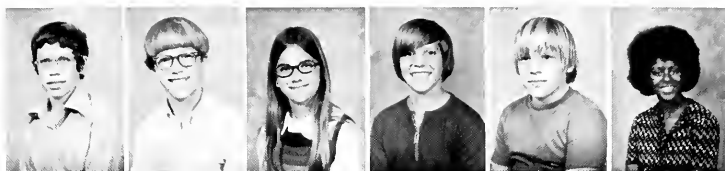


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# A Place to Be in the Office



Louise Simmons



Bertha Scott



Office workers (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT) Mrs. Scott, Herbert Ellis, Mitzi Hicks, Ethel Fowlkes, Mrs. Simmons; (BACK) Betty Carrion, Verna Turflinger, Jonny Nash, Cindy Burley, Janene Springer

Upon coming to Portage, two of the first people one would meet are Mrs. Bertha Scott and Mrs. Louise Simmons, who spend their days handling many of the crises that occur. Also Portage teacher aide Mrs. Dottie Collins spent her time in the attendance office keeping records.



Dottie Collins



Richard Cira



Julie Murtaugh

The big job of getting students in classes right for them fell upon Mrs. Julie Murtaugh and Mr. J. Richard Cira.

Listening to and helping students through problems of being a Portage Junior High student took counselors' attention regularly.



Typing and attendance work for Mrs. Collins



A welcome break for Mrs. Murtaugh



Scheduling classes for Pam Belcher... a job for Mr. Cira



A desk filled with work pending for Mrs. Simmons



Santa Claus at Portage? No, boxes of canned goods headed for the Christmas Bureau

# In the Lunchroom . . .



**CAFETERIA WORKERS (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT)** B. Mudrack, D. Burnett, B. Templeton, D. Hamilton, J. Heiney, J. Grose, T. Bennett; **(SECOND)** P. Tyson, T. Huntley, S. Wood, J. Gensic, C. Wood, B. Darling, P. Mason; **(THIRD)** M. Quinn, J. Mabe, B. Goggins, C. Lewis; **(BACK)** J. Stefanski, A. Maier, D. Jennings, S. Beck.



School lunches aren't exactly one of the top ten best sellers, but they rate far above the usual idea. In case no one noticed Danny Hermes hopping from table to table begging for someone's chocolate chip cookie or garlic bread, maybe you'll remember the breaded tenderloins, hot beef and noodles, and burning chili which were included in the menu. If not, simply dust off your Daniel Boone lunch pail.

On a good day, the custodians would find a juicy note, or maybe a full pack of Wrigley's gum. But then of course, on a bad day two fountains would be clogged with gum, the girls' bathroom ceiling would be covered with wet toilet paper, and none of the chalkboards would have "SAVE" written on them.



**COOKS (LEFT TO RIGHT):** Gloria Reibs, Ruth Loomis, Reta Moore, Genevieve Booher, Irene Stark, Wanda Hart, Pauline Snyder (manager).



**CUSTODIAL STAFF:** David Scott, Leonard Bryant, Hilda Linnemeyer, Charles Tepin, Arnold Boese.

# and Around the School



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"Sh-h-h-h-h..." is a well-known sound in the library. However, the librarians have picked up a few more vocabulary words and are able to find for you any information, instantly — whether it's the size of a brown-headed cowbird or the final book of the "Bertha Goes to the Prom" series.



Psychometrist Robert Newnum tests for educational capacity



Jerry Anderson  
Special Education



"I think I'm going to be sick!"



"Bookworms welcome," smiles Mrs. Radatz.



Mildred Radatz



Joyce Parlow



"Now repeat the sounds exactly as you hear them."

To smooth out the lumps and bumps from the smooth rhythm of school, psychometrist Robert Newnum, speech therapist Peggy Grant, and nurse Gladys Squires dropped by every few days and got to work on the puzzling problems that fell in their ways.



# A Place to Be For...

# Learning



# English Teachers See That Students



Mrs. Heins presides over a reading assignment

The seventh graders in developmental reading worked in the SRA labs, and struggled to get their book reports in on time. Meanwhile, English classes filled in the gap with grammar and spelling lessons. The eighth graders read *BANNER IN THE SKY* in English classes and, although they mainly concentrated on reading, did find time to fit in a bit of spelling and grammar. The spelling contest also came in for work, with all seventh and eighth graders participating.



"Smile, you're on Candid Camera!"



"Uh-oh, here comes another quiz!"



Jane Langdon



John Septer



Anita Heins



Don Reynolds



"Oh, really" quoth Mrs. Langdon



Jack Berg



# Learn in Spite of Themselves

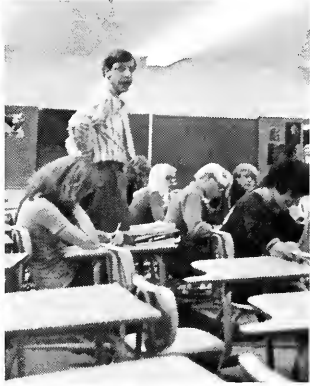
The Portage freshmen this year started out their English classes with their noses in several novels and short stories, as well as the play "Requiem for a Heavyweight." They enjoyed a month or two of grammar (enjoyed?), by memorizing N-V-N-N patterns, predicates, usage and irregular verbs, taking time out for the Lions Club speech contest and several essays. But the teachers, for once, didn't put much pressure on the spelling part of language arts class, leaving more room for compositions (cough-wheeze).



Research assignments are part of the English curriculum



"Don't ask me. I don't know."



Jane Hoylman

Team-teaching — kids teach half the class, two teachers the other

## Typing



Typing this year was taught by Mr. Gebhard. Ninth graders taking this class learned the fundamentals of typing: ASDFJKL: — ASD FJKL: and learned to increase their speed and accuracy.



Don Gebhard

"You must keep your fingers on the keys, Janet."

correctly

# Math Students Add 7, $\div$ by 5,

$\pi$   $>$   $\sqrt{\quad}$   $\cap$   $\leq$   $\in$

etc. Chinese? No, it's new math, everyone's favorite class! (?) It's where you learn to subtract, multiply, square root, pi, and wear down your pencil and brain while trying to discover how far Joe walked in three hours.



Mrs. Egley's math class concentrates on a new bit of knowledge



Mr. Desper certainly has an attentive class

Algebra classes dealt with equations, variables, and axioms as the fundamentals of algebra and ninth grade math classes did too. Most Portage wizards turned out a terrific string drawing and they really worked hard, these mathematicians. Eat your heart out, Einstein.



Scribbling out their math problems, ninth graders concentrate on posing for the camera

The seventh graders worked on such things as properties and math sentences while the eighth had to tackle a congruent triangle and story problem proofs — not to mention different bases.

# and Are Taught by 6



Neal McKeeman



David Desper



Bob Denny

As you probably noticed, Mr. McKeeman floated from class to class this year. Why? So that Portage might have a math lab! What's a math lab? A room where you mix numbers and invent magic solutions? Well, not really. It's 151, a puzzle solving, geometric figure making, game doing lab. Kids could get out of classes and study hall to go down to the math lab and actually have fun doing math! Anything that makes math fun has got to be good. And the math lab certainly was.



Sue Simler



Sherry Johnson



Karen Egley



Isolated student just can't get wonder why?!



Mr. McKeeman, just trying to get his profile in the yearbook again.



Didn't make it this time, did you, Mr. McKeeman ?!

# Science Students Chemically



Biology students return from a hard day of bug collecting.



Jim Brown



Charles Murray

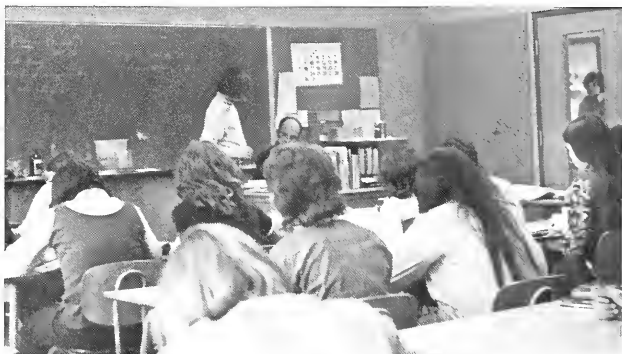


Barbara Stahl



Vern Werking

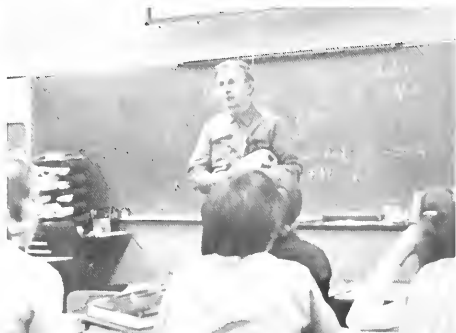
Seventh and eighth grade scientists are often seen in their labs mixing information and experimenting with chemical reactions under a cloud of concentration mingled with confusion. These future mad scientists made a trip to the planetarium, identified rocks, tested different types of air, and had many labs through which the yell of "fire" or "ouch" was expected to ring out at any moment.



Mr. Murray helps a puzzled seventh grader by doing his assignment for him.



Mr. Brown diagrams a time line for future scientific geniuses.



Mr. Werking's class studies chemical reactions.

# React to Knowledge

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Tom Pearson



Max Amstutz



Biology Special students are literally "up a tree" for leaf collections.

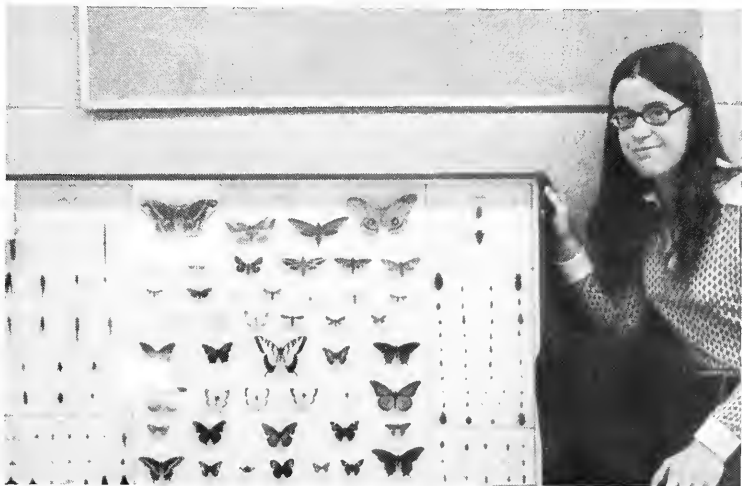
The health department this year taught classes about smoking, drugs, body functions, emotions, and safety precautions. All those ninth graders should be awfully healthy be now.



Putter Frebel points out a flutterby in his collection. Now what's that one called again?



Mr. Amstutz stands surrounded by nature at its best — ragweed.



Debbie Redman displays her outstanding "bug collection."



Mr. Pearson's health class works studiously on a test.

After a summer of collecting bugs, the ninthers got to dissect frogs, memorize charts, draw pictures, and take tests every two minutes, it seemed. They also spent their time grabbing leaves and trying to decide if that tree has acorns, flowers, or bananas.

# Customs and Languages



Citizenship students learn about government with Mr. Berg



Norma Sterling



Richard Shepherd



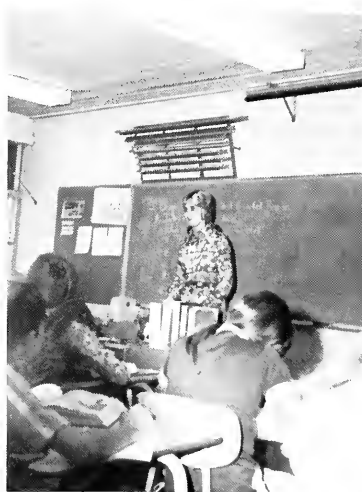
Mr. Shepherd talks to class



Chris Lindley



Mr. Harker assists student



Miss Lindley instructs her history class



Val Harker

Students at Portage this year taking social studies spanned the globe while studying different countries. Seventh graders learned about the customs and people of Russia. They were also taught about the ways of South America. Eighth graders discovered how the United States came to be and who our forefathers were.



Mrs. Sterling teaches about the American way of life.

# of Europe and the States



Pepito and Iman come to life for Spanish students taught by Mrs. Warfel.



Mr. Didier lends the Latin way to his class.



The French class sings "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "Jingle Bells" in French for the Christmas program.



Miss LaFontaine teaches Francais to her class.



Patricia LaFontaine



Isabel Warfel



David Didier

French students learned the language and customs of France. They saw many French movies during the year, which improved the students' knowledge greatly. The group also enjoyed French cuisine at Cafe Johnell.

Spanish students learned about the culture of Spain, and they sang Spanish songs throughout the year. The class took a taste-tempting trip to Don Pedro's Spanish restaurant.

The Latin class learned the customs of old Rome and the Latin language.



# Phys Ed Students Improve Their Bods



Eighth grade boys become basketball stars in p.e.



Don Schaffer



Dorothy Bishop



The new ram's head on the gym floor depicts the team's determination.



Speed-away's the name of the game

I can hear her now — "Barber ... six ... Beadie ... five ... Bell ... six" and so on. To some girls, gym was a blast, yet to others it was murder. With all that running and throwing and dodging and kicking and jumping and hitting, you'd think they'd get killed. But then that's the fun of it all, seeing who survives.



Eighth grade girls reveal their sexy legs



Mrs. Bishop explains polyrhythms, alias ball routines



Mr. Schaffer watches while the boys practice their basketball drills



# From Shop and Home Ec Come Future Handymen and Homemakers



Students in shop and drafting this year improved their skills under the supervision of Mr. White and Mr. Alvis. Seventh graders learned about the fundamentals of woodworking and drafting while the eighth and ninth were taught electricity and advanced woodworking and drafting. Some ninth grade girls tried their hand at shop during seventh period this year too.



The lathe helps many students as they work in the shop

Mr. Alvis grimaces — it's been a hard day



Dwight Alvis



Al White



Anna Barbor

If ever a fantastic smell of hot cinnamon rolls and cocoa infiltrated your nose, you can bet it was the home ec class slaving at their stoves again under the watchful eye of Mrs. Freck, while others whipped up dresses and skirts at their sewing machines in "Barbor's Shop." Seventh graders first learned about health care and tips on babysitting. Eighth graders got to climb up a little higher with their skills and tried their luck with chipped beef on toast and a skirt. Then those



Home ec girls learn that along with cooking comes the cleaning up



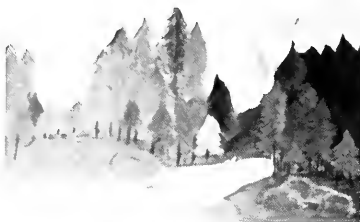
Carol Freck

ninethers who took home ec turned out full dresses and genuine gingerbread houses. Not only the girls but some boys got into the cooking mood and took a semester of foods.



As you can see, clothing students always pay attention in class!

# Art Students Exhibit Their Talent

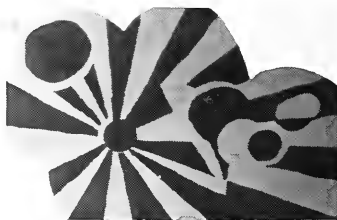


— Sherry Beck

— Anthony Green



— Beth Wasson



— Kenny LaCrone



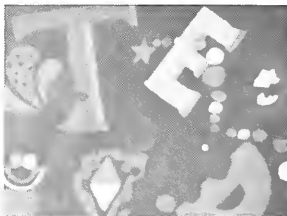
— Dawn Alles



— Patrick Lytal



Mrs. Ruth DeHaven



— Ted Ornas



— Sheryl Crawford



— Barb Ridenour

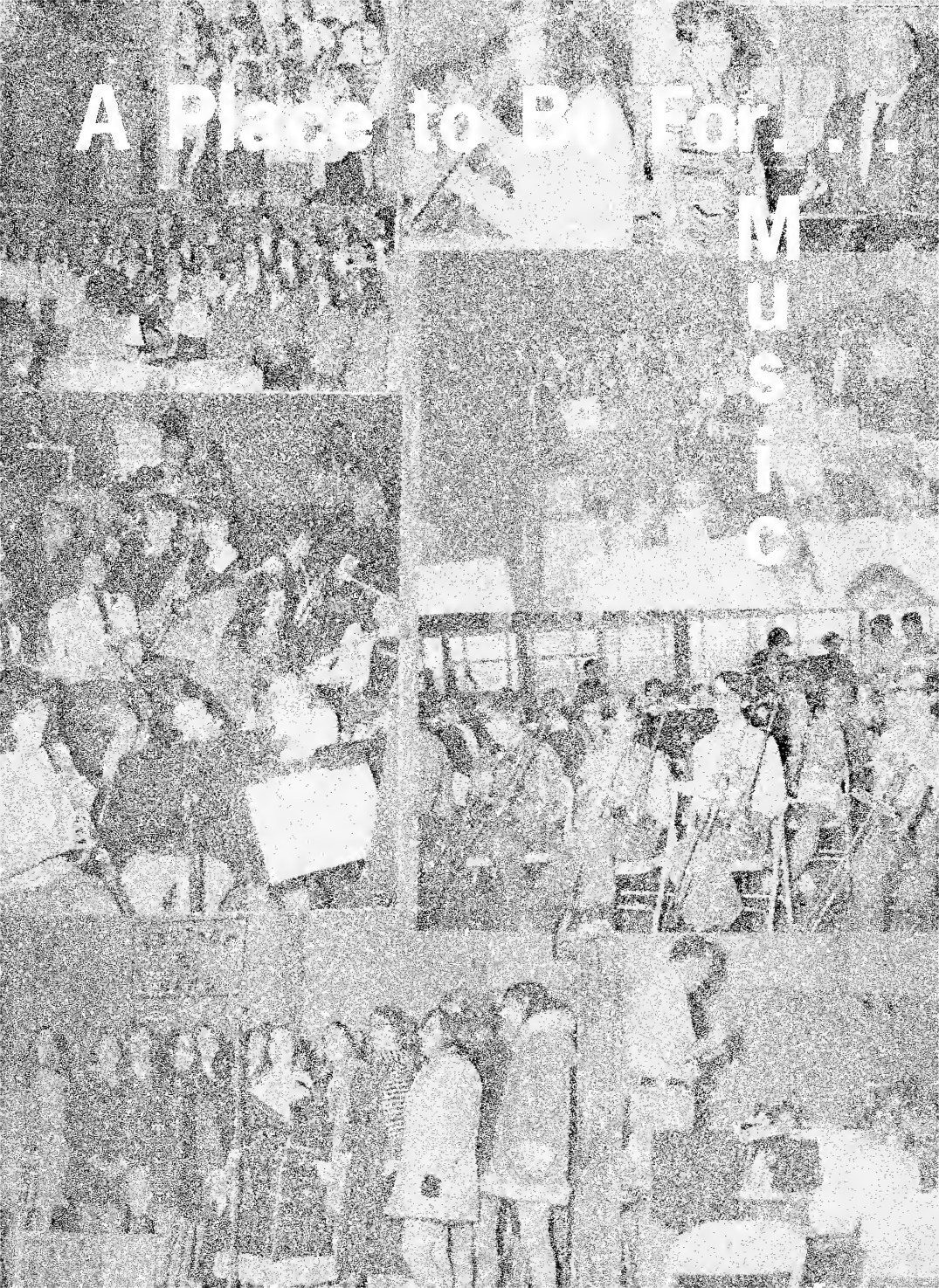
Although these masterpieces seem to be originated by Picasso, such isn't the case. Throughout the seventh and eighth grade years, these painters were hard at work learning the fundamentals. This is where Mrs. DeHaven came in. She guided their brushes through watercolors, crayons, pencil drawings, and finally, after two years of struggle, an oil painting worthy of a museum spot light. Jump back, Picasso, Portage is painting the town!



Future Rembrandts at work

A Place to Be For...!

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# Birds of a Fea



Cadet Choir is basically a prep course for Varsity Choir. It consists of Baby Rams interested in a combination of general music and a lot of singing. These poor tortured Baby Rams must

spent a part of every music hour copying notes for music notebooks. Then, if time permits, they practice for such things as the Christmas program and spring concert.



The second step in the ladder of their musical training lands on Varsity Choir for eighth graders. With their seventh grade year of experience under their sleeves, they proceed with their songs, films, work toward their final year as

ninth graders. A couple of examples of what these busy middlemen have been doing are visiting the feeder schools and participating in the Christmas program and spring concert.

# ther Sing Together...

May-me-ma-mo-mooo ...

Do-re-mi-fa-so-la ...

1-3-5-3-1 ...

What's this?????

Seventh and eighth grade warm-up! For all those talented Streisands who had the gift of song, there was the supreme test: NISBOVA solos and ensembles. These people practiced their pieces diligently (especially the day before contest) and when D-day arrived, they were ready to sing their way into the judges' hearts for a superior rating and a gold medal.



Swing Choir could be described as the pick of the bunch or the best of the choir ... but however you describe it, they were comin' on strong. Such songs as "Charades" and "Where Is Love" were performed with great success. Mrs. Meese's small group blossomed from a tangled melange of eighth grade boys and girls into a swingin' Swing Choir.



Mildred Meese



Swing Choir was made up of select members of Varsity Choir.

# Play Together . . . Work To



Ninth grade varsity choir is the third and final step on the vocal music ladder at Portage. These musically inclined people were kept pretty busy this year, practicing for the Christmas, patriotic, and spring programs. They also visited the feeder schools, Nebraska, Lindley, Anthony Wayne, Price, and Study.

Officers this year were Jon Gordy, president; Julie Morken and Lonna Slatton, secretaries; Dave Richey, Janet Gillie, Selma Vaughn, and Kevin Jellison, librarians.



When it comes to blowing their own horns, the eighth and ninth graders are pretty good. But then when it comes to combining all of the various sounds, these kids really know how

to get it together. The Varsity Concert Band didn't do much concertizing, yet they filled up the gap with playing and challenging those in first chair.



gether ... to make ...



Don Parlette



John Broom



Unlike the Varsity Orchestra, the Cadet Orchestra consists solely of strings. This group of fiddlers may not have had a roof, but they

had an hour in which to learn how to pluck a perfect plunker and bow a better bass.



Consisting entirely of brass, woodwind, and percussion, these musicians played at several locations around town, including several ninth grade games.



Instrumental teachers at work ... Mr. Parlette directing, Mr. Broom conferring with student teacher Ruth DiNovo.



Ninth grade vocalists banded together for ensemble work during weekly sessions.

During contest time, there were a few brave souls who timidly entered the NISBOVA judge's room and performed a solo that could be heard occasionally between the chattering of their teeth and the shaking of their knees.

# A Perfect Music Department



Varsity Orchestra features eighth and ninth grade string players along with the best of the winds and percussion — and their sound is the best too.

By combining the squeak of the violin, the blare of the trumpet, the squawk of the clarinets, and the shrill of the piccolo, somehow Mr. Parlette came out with a number one orchestra. It didn't come without problems, however. Half of the time, Mr. Parlette was trying to shut the trumpets up (an impossible task). Also, lubricating keys, softening reeds, and raising stands took up the period's time. But by some miracle, they got in a minute or two of practice and obviously that did it!

What group of kids search the music folders for a suitable arrangement? Which students stay after school, missing the bus and supper, to practice? How many people blow out their brains 24 hours a day playing their music over and over again? Who pull out their hair before contest day, then end up with a gold medal to show off? What musicians would go through all this? The ensemble contestants would!



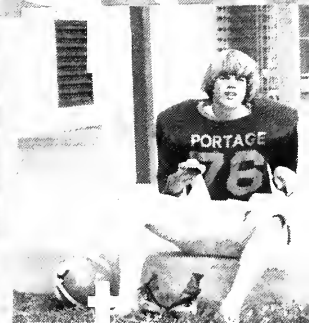
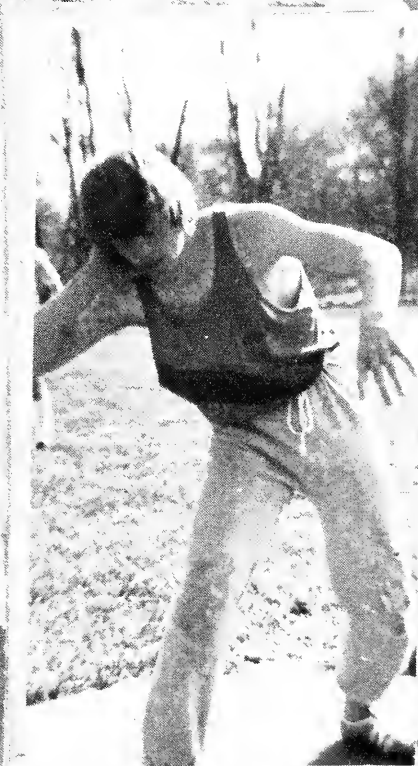
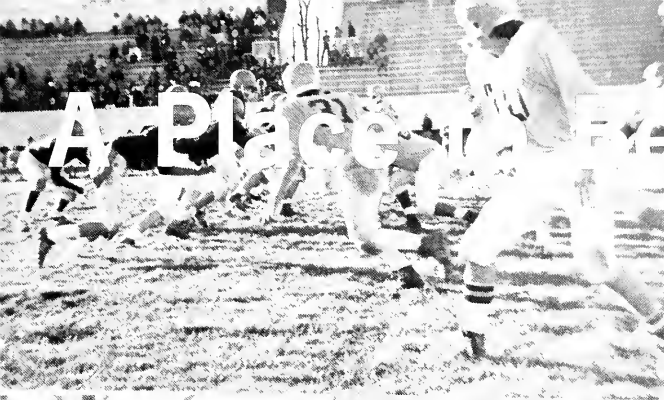
NISBOVA competition gives wind ensembles a chance to test their skill in performance



Suite Sixteen makes its Portage debut

Suite Sixteen is an all-string group made up of nine violins, two violas, four cellos, and one string bass. On certain days, these string musicians lugged their stands, chairs, and music to Mr. Werking's room to practice their pieces. The idea was taken from a similar string group that performs in Minneapolis. Most of Suite Sixteen's music comes from pieces that this group plays. They performed at the spring concert and also at NISBOVA.





# Varsity Gridders Sweep City



**NINTH GRADE CITY CHAMPS (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT)** G. Mann, G. Gordon, H. Brown, G. Curry, J. Heller, M. Finken, R. Watters, J. Williams; **(SECOND)** Coach Don Schaffer, A. Green, T. Underwood, A. Norton, B. Jones, L. Vandyne, T. Smith, B. Mazelin, K. Fadus, Coach Bob Denny; **(THIRD)** R. Coe, F. Underwood, R. Walker, K. Litchin, D. Chrzan, B. Miller, J. Sills, C. Roth, R. Georgi. Not shown; M. Hershberger, G. Shepherd.

The freshman team won its first individual football title in 13 years, repeating the title of last year's co-champion by winning six games without a loss. The team was built around a strong defense that allowed only 18 points all season, with an average of only three points per game. The most exciting highlights were the game with Miami, in which they clinched the south division for Portage, and the city championship game, where the action was never dull in the rain.



Honorary captains  
T. Smith, A. Green



Outstanding offensive:  
Green



Outstanding defensive  
players J. Williams, F.  
Underwood



Smith kicks pigskin



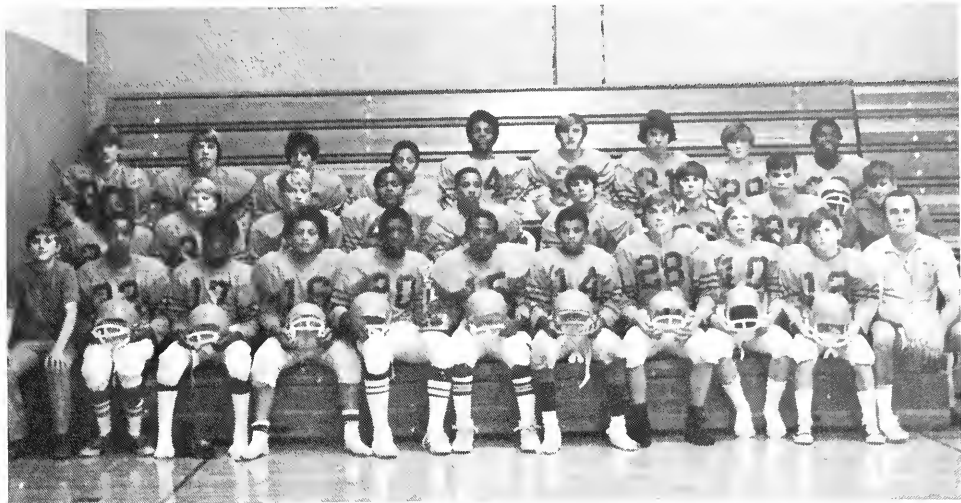
Green in action



Green on the run

SCOREBOARD — 9th		
RAMS		OPPONENT
12	Fairfield	0
6	Franklin	0
32	Kekionga	0
8	Miami	6
8	Geyer	6
CITY CHAMPIONSHIP		
12	Jefferson	5

# Eighth Continues Unbeaten Streak



EIGHTH GRADE CITY CHAMPS (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT) J. Heiney (mgr), R. Culpepper, B. Baker, A. Belcher, B. Russell, K. Coker, J. Green, B. Kratzert, D. Kessel, B. Mudrack, coach Neal McKeeman; (SECOND) M. Curry, S. Sims, M. Rush, B. Miles, D. Culpepper, C. Strawbridge, R. Bloemker, B. Tolliver, T. Osborne (mgr); (BACK) D. Bickel, T. Beck, D. Pelz, D. Miller, E. Starks, D. Peters, P. Jacobs, J. Shifflett, A. Gooden.



Outstanding defensive: A. Gooden

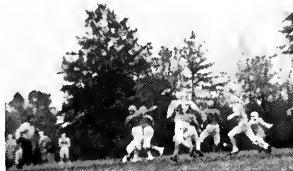


Outstanding offensive: B. Russell



Honorary captain D. Peters

Mr. McKeeman completely forgot about last year's disastrous season and produced an eighth grade football team that couldn't be beaten in season play and in championship playoffs. Their success was built around a rugged defense which only allowed 12 points for an eighth grade record. Their offense was something else too. It averaged 17 points a game, with Brian Russell its main contributor, scoring 44 points during the season.



Kessel throws to victory

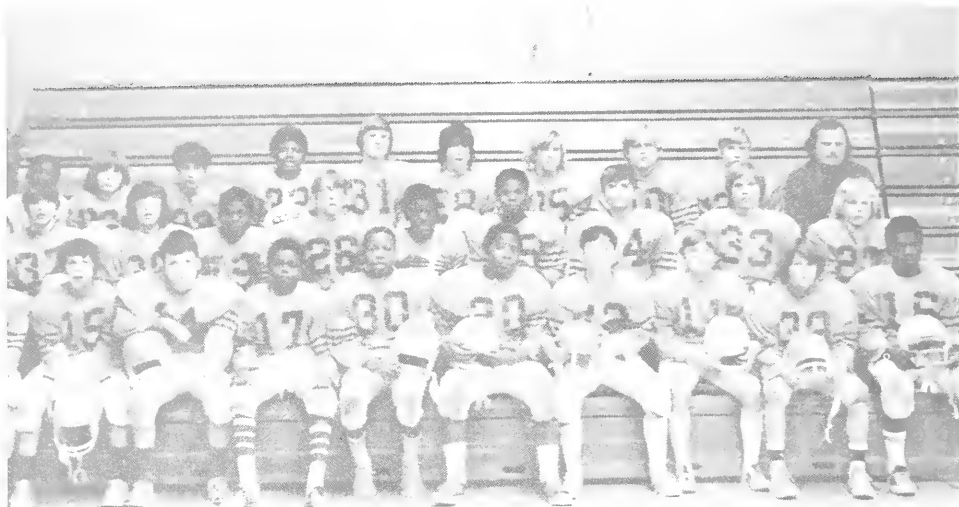


Defense stops 'em cold

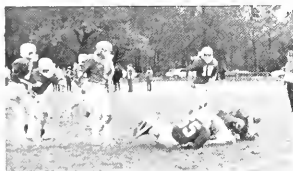


First down brings joy to Al Gooden

# Seventh Finishes Perfect Record



SEVENTH GRADE CITY CHAMPS (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT) S. Heller, G. Tyson, G. Hoover, D. Tate, W. Tubbs, C. Stroud, S. Kendall, T. Stackhouse, T. Bennett, R. Williams; (MIDDLE) N. Tyler, M. Rifkin, A. Fowlkes, B. Barber, M. Starks, T. Green, B. Woodruff, D. Vaughn, D. Frebel; (BACK) O. J. Lewis (manager), R. Hood, B. Shoemaker, C. Worth, S. Haggenjos, S. Holley, S. Norton, R. Morrison, C. Yoquelet, Coach D. Reynolds.



End of a great run for Baby Rams



R. Williams gains first down for seventh



Green slides around end

## SCOREBOARD — 7th

RAMS	OPPONENTS	
26	Kekionga	0
14	Fairfield	0
8	Franklin	0

The Baby Rams, including Mr. Reynolds, had a very successful season. All three grades compiled a record of 20-0, and three of the wins were courtesy of the seventh graders. Their rugged defense didn't allow a single point all season, and their offense averaged 16 points a game. Mr. Reynolds won praise for molding his small team into a championship group.



Tim Green catches touchdown pass for Super Seventh



Baby Rams hold Kekionga scoreless



Seventh shows sportsmanship after hard run

# Minor Sports Draw Enthusiasm



Jim Patterson leading the way



9th Grade Cross Country: (KNEELING) K. Gaskill, D. Chamberlain, D. Kirkland; (STANDING) P. Gutman, J. Walls, (mgr), D. Landrigan; (BACK) P. Frebel, Coach Desper, L. Raber



Larry Raber crosses the finish line

This year's cross-country team had a very successful year. The ninth grade finished fourth in city and seventh and eighth grade finished sixth. The ninth grade was led by Larry Raber, who came in tenth, while Puttler Frebel and Denny Kirkland battled for 25th and 26th respectively for Portage. The eighth grade was led by Jim Patterson, who came in tenth, and Todd Nichols, closely following in seventeenth place.

Golf and track showed promise in the spring.



8th Grade Cross Country: (FRONT) S. Hutsell, T. Nichols, R. Fahlsing, S. Vaughn, T. Springer; (BACK) Coach Desper, H. Sims, D. Jennings, J. Patterson, G. Bonsib, J. Walls (mgr). Not present, J. Crothers



Golf Team: (KNEELING) D. Chamberlain, K. Stephenson; (STANDING) T. Chase, R. Coe, M. Johnson, M. Hershberger, Coach J. Berg



Georgi in the air



Finken on the hurdles



Heller clearing the bar

# Eighth Grade Takes



9th grade team: (FRONT) J. Woods, T. Underwood, P. Gutman, A. Green, G. Gordon; (BACK) manager S. Sims, D. Kusak, T. Smith, K. Litchin, R. Georgi, D. Chrzan, M. Hershberger, D. Landrigan, Coach N. McKeeman.

## SCOREBOARD — 9th

RAMS	OPPONENTS	
11/17 37	Lane	53
11/23 34	Northwood	49
11/30 39	Blackhawk	34
12/7 18	Fairfield	35
12/14 46	Geyer	44
12/21 41	Lakeside	47
1/4 56	Miami	42
1/8 33	Bishop Luers	48
1/11 50	Shawnee	49
1/18 52	Kekionga	40
1/25 39	Franklin	61
2/1 31	Jefferson	59
2/5 40	TOURNEY Jefferson	51

## SCOREBOARD — 8th

RAMS	OPPONENTS	
11/17 56	Lane	24
11/23 48	Northwood	20
11/30 55	Blackhawk	29
12/7 43	Fairfield	32
12/14 64	Geyer	38
12/21 64	Lakeside	26
1/4 55	Miami	40
1/11 44	Shawnee	23
1/18 55	Kekionga	20
1/25 55	Franklin	39
2/1 45	Jefferson	28
2/6 57	TOURNEY Shawnee	30
2/8 41	Blackhawk	33
2/14 43	Geyer	32

## SCOREBOARD

Rams		Opponents	
12/8	38	Northwood	33
12/15	23	Miami	34
1/5	33	Kekionga	42
1/12	34	Franklin	28
1/26	47	Fairfield	19

The eighth grade had the most successful season of all, with no defeats. In the final game of the city tourney, an easy first half and a struggling second half against Geyer proved that they were the city champs.

The ninth grade record doesn't appear to look like a successful one but 4 wins to 8 losses is much better than a single victory from last year's season.

The seventh graders had a successful season too. The Baby Rams compiled a record of 4-1 and their only loss came from Miami.



# City Basketball Honors



8th grade team (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT) B. Baker, D. Pelz, W. Washington, C. Strawbridge, K. Coker; (BACK) Coach D. Desper, B. Russell, D. Culpepper, D. Peters, E. Starks, A. Gooden, T. Beck, R. Culpepper, J. Walls (mgr)



7th grade team: (FRONT) J. Kendall, R. Williams, M. Starks, B. Barber, M. Rifkin, C. Stewart; (BACK) manager J. Walls, D. Murray, C. Yoquelet, J. Crothers, R. Morrison, S. Norton, B. Shoemaker, T. Green, S. Holley, M. Cobb, Coach D. Desper.





# Go! Rams! Go!



"Rams, are ya' with us?" "Yeah, man!"



Before the game



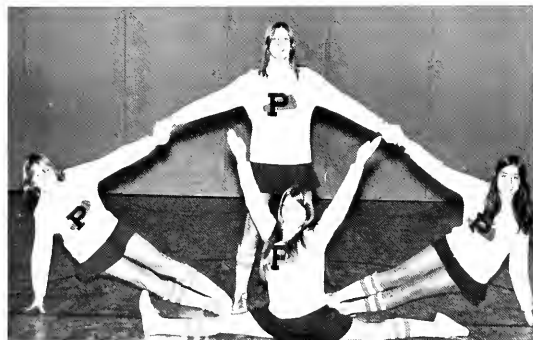
9th grade cheerleaders (CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT): B. Harman, A. Momper, M. Hunter, N. Beadie, C. Kratzert



Don't fall, Ann!



Ready, girls?



8th grade cheerleaders (CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT): P. Schrader, K. Auer, B. Litchin, K. Heiney

If you got to thinking that cheerleading seems like a status symbol more than anything else, you probably didn't stay after school to witness their practice session. You didn't attend every single basketball and football game. You didn't spend that time thinking up cheers, remembering chants, screaming out "Sink it, Terry, sink it!" or "Jump, jump, sky high, tip it to a Portage guy," and hoping that the band starts the school song on a low note. You hadn't spent one or two days out of a week in a hot sticky sweater, and hoping that people realized that those were bloomers you were wearing. So next time a cheerleader starts a chant, join in. They deserve it.



Go! Fight! Win!



Cheerleaders defy gravity



7th grade cheerleaders (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP): G. Cole, B. LeShore, J. Russell, K. Toam, T. Levine



# A Place to Be in...

# Activities



# Bang! Bang! "Meeting Come to Order!"



STUDENT COUNCIL (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT) Mrs. Murtaugh, S. Williams, J. Walls, E. Bostic, J. Gensic, T. Richard, A. Kettler, W. Howard, C. Cobb, Mr. Cira; (MIDDLE) P. Gooden, C. Goshorn, K. Auer, B. Litchin, Y. Morrill, A. Waters, M. Paris; (BACK) B. Miles, M. Johnson, D. Kusak, P. Frebel, K. Litchin, T. Smith, P. Gutman, R. Shaw, C. Springer.

When the hot election in October cooled off and the smoke and steam floated away, it left sitting in the president's chair Leslie Novitsky, a very surprised and happy winner, and his "sidekick," Ted Chase. However, the average person doesn't know very much about the Student Council other than Mr. Middleton's rare announcement, "There will be a Student Council meeting at 2:17 today." What did they do in those meetings? Well, for instance, T-shirts, school spirit, the school constitution, and the candy sale were some of the topics taken into consideration at those "come as you are" get-togethers. They had to form a committee for the candy sale, a committee in charge of the Christmas tree, a committee selecting the Portage shirts, and even a committee to choose committees. There was a lot to be done, and not much time to do it in. But evidently, by the looks of things, they did a bang-up job of getting everything in.



L. Novitsky



T. Chase



ALTERNATES: (FRONT) B. Bouey, B. Litchin, T. Chase, L. Novitsky, B. Cohen; (1st) N. Beadie, T. Huntley, D. Beutler, T. Levine, B. Templeton, K. Bunker; (2nd) D. Knox, D. Lupke, B. Barber, S. Gieser, J. Landrigan; (BACK) B. Barber, M. Hicks, C. Evans, A. Green, T. Beck, T. McCombs.

# Journalists of the World, Unite!



PACKET staff: (SEATED) N. Beadie, S. Stewart, Mrs. Hoylman, B. Harman; (STANDING) R. Georgi, K. Stephenson, D. Whipp, D. Hermes, S. Railey. Not pictured, T. Chase, P. Frebel.

Students may have wondered how the Portage PACKET ever got put together. Sarah Stewart, editor-in-chief, spent much time writing editorials, laying out pages, and generally trying to control the mass confusion that beset the cast of journalists the day before deadline. She was assisted by Barb Harman, news editor, feature editor Nancy Beadie, and sports editor Ted Chase. And Portage always saw a bunch of proud kids when the PACKET went out. It was no miracle ... just WORK!

Another group which had to pull out their hair to meet deadlines was the yearbook kids. They started the year as happy, normal students and came out as nervous, frenzied people with copy, headlines, pictures, and layouts running in and out of their heads. One hour wasn't enough so they came in after school, weekends, and holidays. But was it worth it? You can bet your PORTARAMA it was!



PORTARAMA staff: (SEATED) K. Litchin, Y. Morrill, L. Novitsky, Mrs. Hoylman; (STANDING) J. Tolliver, P. Gutman, M. Hershberger, R. Coe, B. Barber. Not pictured, R. Cohen.



JOURNALISM CLUB (LEFT TO RIGHT): (1st) S. Perrine, A. Hayden, K. Heiney, J. Dowling, J. Grose; (2nd) Mrs. Hoylman, C. Bolinger, N. Campbell, C. Chase, A. Oswalt, T. Huntley; (3rd) S. Wolever, B. Litchin, L. Collier, T. Cross; (4th) C. Holt, J. Stengel, M. Tyler, P. Jacobs.

Most of the future members of the PACKET staff and PORTARAMA staff emerged from this year's Journalism Club. Students in this club cropped pictures, counted headlines, wrote copy for newspaper and yearbook, and in general, "learned the trade" of publications. Cub photographers were also instructed on how to take a picture without dropping the camera.

# “King Me!” “Checkmate!” “Watch the Wood Lathe!”

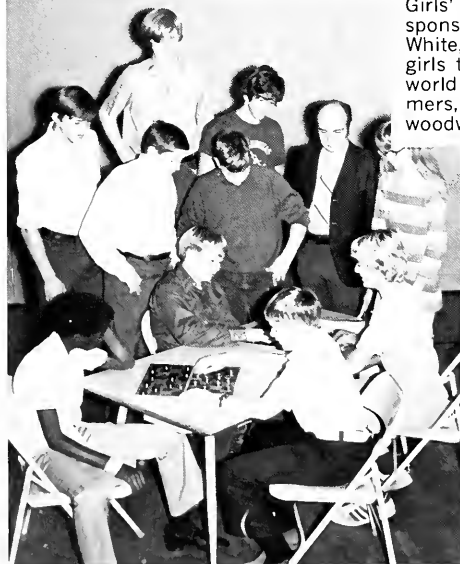


**CHESS CLUB:** (SEATED) E. Strack, K. Geislerman, Mr. Brown; (1st) B. Mudrack, S. Perrine, T. Ornas, P. Tyson, T. Gilbert, K. Kelley, J. Shifflett; (2nd) R. Wagner, M. Martin, S. Perrine, V. Veale; (3rd) A. Belcher, E. Clark, J. Helberg; (4th) A. Westerman, M. Myers, R. Georgi.



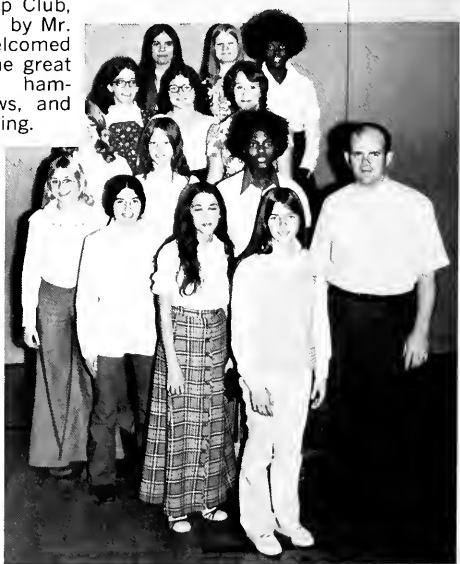
On the red and black boards, Mr. Murray's Checker Club and Mr. Brown's and Mr. Anderson's Chess Clubs saw many wars. The fatalities were many, but a lot of people had fun ... Checkmate!

**CHESS CLUB:** (SEATED) B. Slater, M. Yeiter, Mr. Anderson; (1st) D. Beutler, T. Gaskill, B. Brown, S. Heller; (2nd) A. Kettler, A. Conrad, D. Kusak, D. Vaughn; (3rd) J. Merz, V. Myers, A. Lahrman, G. Bonsib, B. Richards.



Girls' Shop Club, sponsored by Mr. White, welcomed girls to the great world of hammers, saws, and woodworking.

**CHECKERS CLUB:** (SEATED) B. Bouey, S. Sims, J. Walls, B. Rice; (1st) J. Mabe, T. Osborne, Mr. Murray, J. Helberg; (2nd) D. Peters, A. Westerman, D. Pelz.



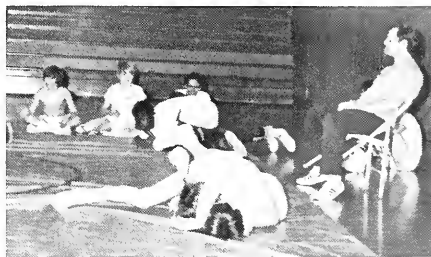
**GIRLS SHOP:** (1st) C. Chase, B. Carrión, M. Ludwig, K. Heiney, Mr. White; (2nd) S. Wolever, K. Jackson, L. Hughes; (3rd) J. Nash, K. Bennett, S. Gieser; (4th) L. Perez, S. Smith, M. Hughes.

# in After-School Athletics



The seventh and eighth grade boys met weekly for intramural activities.

Seventh, eighth, and ninth grade boys worked out in two separate intramurals groups. They formed basketball, baseball, football, volleyball, and field hockey teams for competition. In addition, they worked out on the horse and even parallel bars, performing different routines from the girls. They also wrestled and practiced rope climbing. They came in looking like Clark Kent and left looking like Superman!



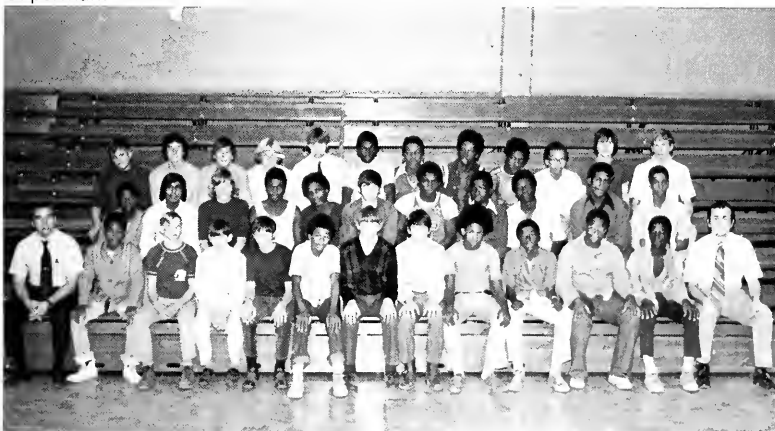
It's not too tough to direct the activity — right, Mr. Schaffer?



Eighth graders get a kickball workout.



Which way's up? Wrestlers get confused.



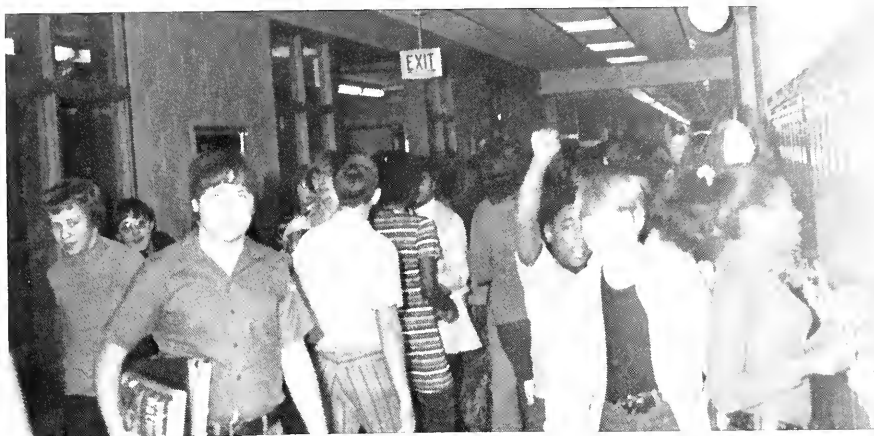
Eighth and ninth grade boys, directed by Mr. Denny and Mr. McKeeman, released their energy every Wednesday in intramurals.



Calisthenics stretch reluctant muscles.



# In the Beginning . . .



# . . . at the End



Past... Ahead...

To a seventh grader: past... coming to new school... taking new subjects... learning to get along with people...

Ahead: two more years at Portage... looking forward to not being a Baby Ram...

To an eighth grader: past... having been a Ram for two years... spending time with friends... learning new

things...

Ahead: first year of high school... choosing subjects... collecting bugs... thinking of Elmhurst...

To a ninth grader: past... three years in Ram land... collecting bugs (yuk!)... memorable sports seasons... strange times... happy times...

Ahead: Elmhurst... meeting people... growing up... remembering Portage...

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